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SUBJ: IV GRANT FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR, DR. ADEGBITE

REF: STATE 182483

NAME: LATEEF OLADIMEJI ADEGBITE

POSITION: FORMER ATTORNEY-GENERAL, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA,
PRACTICING BARRISTER, UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR.

BIRTH DATE: 2TH MARCH 1933

CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN

TRAVEL: SAUDI ARABIA 1973; EUROPE 1959; GHANA, TANZANIA,
SENEGAL, 1964.

PREVIOUS US GRANT: NONE NEEDED

VISA: ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: DR. ADEGBITE HAS HELD TWO OF THE MOST
SENSITIVE POSITIONS IN THE WESTERN STATE CABINET - COMMISSIONER
FOR JUSTICE AND COMMISSIONER FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS. HE IS AN
ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF THE MOSLIM COMMUNITY. AN ACADEMICIAN,
AS WELL AS A POLITICIAN, ADEGBITE IS INTERESTED IN CONSTITUTIONAL
AND LEGAL REFORM. HE IS AN ADMIRER OF AMERICAN PROGRESS IN
BOTH FIELDS.

EMBASSY OBJECTIVES: DR. ADEGBITE WILL BE ONE OF THE LEADERS
NO MATTER WHAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT NIGERIA TAKES. A PRIME
COUNTRY OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE NIGERIAN LEADERSHIP WITH AN UNDER-
STANDING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM.

AVAILABILITY: SPRING 1975

PART II

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NAME: LATEEF OLADIMEJI ADEGBITE
POSITION: SR. LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS
PAST POSITION: ATTORNEY-GENERAL, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA
PERSONAL DATA: BORN MARCH 20, 1933, ABEOKUTA, NIGERIA.
SEX: MALE
MARITAL FAMILY STATUS: MARRIED, FOUR CHILDREN (MALE (11)
FEMALES, (9, /, 2)
HOME ADDRESS: 3 IGBORE ROAD ABEOKUTA, NIGERIA.
EMERGENCY NAME: MRS. Y. ADEGBITE, DEPT OF COMMERCE, POLYTECHNIC,
IBADAN, NIGERIA.
EDUCATION: B.A. LAW, SOUTHAMPTON, (U.K.) 1962; PH.D (LONDON) 1965
PUBLICATION: NUMEROUS LEGAL ARTICLES IN PROFESSION JUDICIAL VDVH
TRAVEL
: U
.K. 1962-1965; UGANDA, KENYA, GHANA, 1972
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, YORUBA

B. PROGRAM

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS: FEDERALISM; CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ESP. R
HUMAN RIGHTS; INTERNATIONAL LAW; AFRICAN CUSTOMARY LAW.
BUSINESS INTERESTS: N/A
VOCATIONAL INTEREST: HOBBIES: U SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS, COMPARATIVE
RELIGION.
EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMMING:

DR. ADEGBITE SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, VISIT THE U.S. SUPREME
COURT IN SESSION. HE SHOULD SPEAK WITH COLLEAGUES AT
HARVARD, GEORGE WASHINGTON, GEORGETOWN, COLUMBIA, AND
OTHER U.S. INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE PROMINENT DEPARTMENTS
OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. DR. ADEGBITE HAS MET PROFESSOR
RICHARD GARDNER OF COLUMBIA AND IF GARDNER HAS TIME,
PERHAPS A MUTUAL VISIT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.

DR. ADEGBITE IS INTERESTED IN UNIFORM LEGISLATURE IN
FEDERATED STATES. HE SHOULD PERHAPS TALKS TO DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS.

A VISIT WITH STATES ATTORNEY-GENERAL MAY ALSO BE USEFUL.

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DR. ADEGBITE WOULD WELCOME INVITATION TO
MERIDIAN SEMINAR IF TIMING IS CONVENIENT.
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